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Conference Proceedings.

The fifth meeting of the conference convened at 9:30 a. m., January 21, 1906, with the President in the chair.

After singing we bowed in prayer with Brother G. W. Morse.

The Orange church presented a request to have its name changed to that of Portland, which request was granted.

Sister W. H. McKee presented the report of the Committee on Young People's work. Inasmuch as some were of the opinion that it would not be best to have this as it stood go on record, it was discussed and finally referred back to the committee.

After taking a short intermission, a hymn was sung and prayer offered by Elder Haughey.

The Educational Committee presented the following report, and it

was moved to adopt it by considering each item separately:—

In view of the fact that we have been told from a source which we all recognize as authoritative, that as much care should be taken in the selection of teachers as in the choice of Bible workers and ministers, WE RECOMMEND:

1. That in selecting teachers, careful attention be given to soundness in the principles of our faith, including Christian Education, dress, and general deportment, as well as mental ability.

2. Inasmuch as our schools, to be a permanent success, must in no way fall behind the public schools, and in addition have all the advantages of Christian training, a strong effort be made to bring all our schools up to a high standard of excellence.

3. Realizing that it requires consecration, involving oftentimes a sacrifice on the part of our teachers, we recommend that this work be given the hearty co-operation and prayers of ALL our people.

4. We urge upon all those conducting examinations of teachers the most pains-taking care in the matter of preserving standings, and the granting of permits, licenses, and credentials.

5. We urge the importance of good school government, and submit that the teacher has the same power of control in the school-room that the parent has at home.

6. We recommend that the Educational Secretary visit each school in the conference at least once during the year, and by actual personal work see that it is in successful operation.

7. That teachers be encouraged

to send in reports of their school work for publication in the "West Michigan Herald."

8. That all our teachers be encouraged to attend a Summer Normal class at Berrien Springs.

9. That our teachers be urged to co-operate with the text-book committee in any way said committee may desire.

10. That the resolutions passed by the Lake Union Educational Convention in 1905, together with these resolutions, be published in convenient form for the use of our teachers, and others interested in this work.

Recommendation No. 1 was passed without question.

Recommendation No. 2 provoked a lengthy discussion. So that it would not convey the idea that we are patterning after the public schools, Elder Haughey suggested that the recommendation be worded as follows:

Inasmuch as our schools, to be a permanent success, must in no way fall behind the public schools in mental training, and in addition have all the advantages of Christian training, a strong effort be made to bring all our schools up to a high standard of excellence.

The recommendation as amended was adopted.

Recommendation No. 3 brought forth responses from church school teachers and patrons. The question was asked, "What is meant by co-operation in this connection?" The chairman of the committee replied that it meant co-operation in every sense of the word. One teacher suggested that the Educational Secretary visit all the churches in the conference and in-

struct them along the line of Christian education. It was believed that if our people thoroughly understood the meaning of Christian education it would have their sympathy and financial support.

The recommendation was adopted.

Conference adjourned to 2:30 p. m. without taking action upon the remaining seven recommendations of the Educational Committee.

A. G. HAUGHEY, President,
E. A. MERRIAM, Secretary.

Educational.

Report of Church Schools for September 1905.

School	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total
Battle Creek	Flora Williams	63	63	126
	Minnie Hart			
	Mrs. C. N. Sanders			
	Frances Case			
	Harriet Heffley			
Carlton Center	Grace Evans	4	4	8
Charlotte	Mrs. E. A. Clark	4	8	12
Grand Ledge	Mildred Wilson	4	2	6
South Monterey	Eugene Waller	9	10	19
Wright	Winifred Trunk	2	3	5
	Totals	86	90	176

Report of the Young People's Societies of the West Michigan Conference for the Quarter Ending December 31, 1905.

Number of societies	10
Missionary letters written	34
Missionary letters received	9
Missionary visits	50
Bible readings or cottage meetings	46
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	11
Papers sold	117
Papers mailed or given away	345
Books sold	4
Books loaned	14
Pages of tracts given away	3736
Hours of Christian help work	11½
Articles of clothing given away	30
Offerings for home mission work	\$2.10
Offerings for foreign mission work	\$8.28

We do not know the total membership of the societies, for some do not report the membership. We know that more missionary work

was done than is given in this report, but this is all that was reported to us, and such as we have we give you. We sincerely hope that all of our societies will send us complete reports at the close of this quarter.

We believe the young people's work is advancing, while there are not any great demonstrations, but we know that the spirit of God is working upon the hearts of some, and they are studying to show themselves "approved unto God," for they desire to be "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed" for they want to know how to "rightly divide the word of truth." A steady growth is much better than spasmodic efforts.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Report of the Sabbath-School Department of the West Michigan Conference for the Quarter Ending December 31, 1905.

Number of schools	86
Membership	2422
Average attendance	1962
Number of classes	379
Contributions	\$649.98
Expense of schools	271.93
Donated to missions	368.18
Donated to Haskell Home	9.87

More reports came in on time the past quarter than any previous quarter since we have been connected with the Sabbath-school work in this conference. Some reports were late, and nine schools did not report at all, but we wish to thank all the secretaries who were prompt in reporting, and we hope they will not become "weary in well doing." We trust the secretaries who were late last quarter will do better next time. We want to be diligent in the work of the Lord.

MARGARET HAUGHEY,
Secretary.

Special Notice.

At the last General Conference it was voted that instead of two annual collections being taken as

heretofore for the Haskell Home, only one be taken for the "Haskell Home and similar institutions." The time appointed for this collection in all our churches is the first Sabbath in April. This being a church offering the same as the other annual collections, it should be reported through the same channels as the other offerings and not through the Sabbath-school Department. Our Sabbath-schools have now no more to do with this offering than either of the other annual collections. This collection is taken in the church.

G. B. THOMPSON,
Chairman S. S. Dept.

Medical.

The Missionary Side of Our Medical Work.

Too often in our institutions is the missionary side of our work forgotten,—so much so that we have too often looked upon commercial prosperity as an indication of the amount of missionary work done. We have frequently heard the statement that there is a sermon in a good bath, and that the application of every fomentation is missionary work. If this is ever so, I shall not say, but it certainly is not always so. It is true that if we live as close to Christ as it is our privilege, our actions, whether we give fomentations, a bath, or what not, will speak of our profession. But for our work of warning the world of things that are shortly to fall, is this sufficient?

In the Testimonies we are admonished that we should be careful not to make our peculiar views so prominent that prejudice would be created, but too often we go to the other extreme, and are silent, and opportunities of directing the enquiring mind are lost. We are to rescue the perishing, but not always those that are in the gutter, nor are we to wait until they appeal to us for rescue.

In the spread of this message

which we as a people are to give, the medical department is a big help in obtaining opportunities for further instruction, incidentally gaining their confidence. To such we are under obligations to make the most of the opportunities.

There are sometimes occasions where we, showing up the scientific side of our work, quite forget but that such is the missionary part. But if such is the case, there are some outside physicians that could lay equal claim to missionary work. Now I trust you understand me. The scientific part is all right, but it cannot save a man. O, tell them that the Lord is coming! Show them what these things mean which are happening around us. Give them an answer for the reason of the hope that is within you, and don't always wait for them to ask you the reason. But if you prefer only to satisfy their questioning, you can by a little tact direct the conversation so that questions concerning the reason for this hope will follow.

Keep near the Lord, use tact, and don't let the tempter satisfy you that you ought to keep silent because you are not to present the peculiar views of our faith.

L. J. OTIS.

From the Field.

A Visit to Battle Creek.

From the conference at Otsego, Mich., I went to Battle Creek. While on the train I carefully read some of the very latest Testimonies from the Lord to the Battle Creek church.

At the Sanitarium, where I made my home during my stay in Battle Creek, I was received with much courtesy. Free room, board, and other liberties were appreciated.

I visited quite a number of our Scandinavian people, but I am sorry to say that only a very few seem to have a clear and definite understanding of the real situation at that place, as God sees it. When the question was asked anyone,

"Do you believe the Testimony of late sent to this church?" the answer was always "Yes," but still there was a doubt in nearly every one that the message applied to them. So I am asking as Jesus did a certain lawyer: "What is written in the Testimony? How readest thou?" for it almost seems as though some expect a letter from heaven addressed direct to their house in order to know definitely whether God speaks to them or to someone else. But let me say this, that it never will be done, neither are the Testimonies written and sent to the unconverted and unrepentant inhabitants of Battle Creek, although people of that kind may be members of the church. In the Testimonies God speaks to his children. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Therefore the stand each and every one takes in regard to the warnings given will show who it is that really believes the Testimonies, and who does not.

As I visited the people in their homes and met them at the Sanitarium, I found that their wish was to have a general meeting in the Danish language, which was held Friday evening in a comfortable private home. There were about thirty people present, and the Lord came very near every true worshiper and believer; and much freedom was given to me.

The Sabbath I spent in Battle Creek was a blessed day for me. As I mingled with the general assembly in the Tabernacle, where two meetings were held and new Testimonies were read, and as I was listening, the words came to me again, as I expect they came to many others, "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper."

Sunday, January 28th, I left Battle Creek for Grand Rapids, where I Monday forenoon visited a Danish

family and had a Bible reading with the lady of the house. She is an earnest Bible student who is searching for the light and truth.

As I arrived at my home after about two weeks' absence, I praised the Lord not only for the privileges and blessings I received at the conference in Otsego, but for once more meeting with friends and acquaintances in Battle Creek.

CARL HANSEN.

"Talks With My Students."

Our young people will find much valuable instruction in "Talks with my Students," by Professor Frederick Griggs. This book contains, stenographically reported, the chapel talks at South Lancaster Academy, which were given on principles essential to success in life. They are full of advice and essential encouragement, as is illustrated in the following quotation from the book:

"I think it is a good thing for a young man, or young woman, to have a hard time getting through school, or entering any occupation. I think it is a good thing for them to work their way and not be carried on flowery beds of ease. I was talking with a young man the other day about this matter. He was saying that he owed the school. I said to him, 'Turn the tables; make the school owe you something instead of your owing the school.' I know that it is hard work; it means energy; it means determination; but I want to tell you that this energy, this determination thus expended, is but working up your muscle for the greater battles of life. So, then, be enthusiastic in your work. Be determined. Learn to be quick-witted, and it will result in your enjoying your work, and being good-natured in it."

The book can be ordered through the West Michigan Tract Society, cloth binding, 40 cents, pamphlet form, 25 cents.

Religious Liberty.

Liberty.

"Liberty" is the title of the new publication issued by the Religious Liberty Bureau and is a thirty-two page document, usual magazine size, in which the various phases of religious legislation are discussed; and all who read it will obtain an intelligent idea of the subject and the issues involved. We greatly desire that as far as possible our churches organize a systematic campaign in placing this document in the hands of every family in the community. Especially legislators, mayors, state and county officials, presidents of colleges and principals of schools, school teachers, and in fact all prominent people should have a copy of this magazine. When ordered in quantities they will cost two and one-half cents each, and retail at five cents, and we know of no work that can be more beneficial both to those doing the work and those for whom the work is done. I would be glad to hear from each church in reference to this matter, and if I can give any assistance in any way, I will be glad to do so. Order your publications of the Tract Society at Otsego.

S. D. HARTWELL,
Religious Liberty Sec'y.

Petition Work.

We understand that blanks have been sent to all the churches with the hope that a united effort will be made to secure signatures to the remonstrance against H. R. 10510 now before the National Congress. Let all take up the work at once.

S. D. HARTWELL,
Sec'y Religious Liberty Dept.

News and Notes.

Elder W. C. Hebner is holding meetings at Glenwood.

The executive committee of the Lake Union Conference held a meeting at Berrien Springs Tuesday, February 27.

Brother S. D. Hartwell spent last Thursday at this office.

The editor spent last Sabbath with the church at Glenwood.

The Tract Society is now ready to fill orders for the 1906 Year Book.

Brother Edward F. Collier is holding a series of gospel meetings at Mendon.

Elder B. F. Kneeland is located in Kalamazoo. His address is 801 Clarence St.

We trust all of our Sabbath-schools will remember that the offering for the Haskell Home is a church offering now. Please read Elder G. B. Thompson's article in another column.

Elders Luther Warren and G. B. Thompson spent a little while at the Emmanuel Missionary College recently. We have been informed that some excellent meetings were held while they were there.

We quote the following from one of the readers of the HERALD: "Please tell the workers to report more frequently. I enjoy reading of the progress of the work." We hope the ministers, Bible workers, doctors, nurses, church school teachers, and canvassers will remember that the HERALD is a weekly paper and its columns are always open for reports from the field.

West Michigan Sanitarium Notes.

We are enjoying a very liberal patronage from the city, and the outlook for the future is very encouraging. We expect soon to increase our force of nurses.

We invite correspondence with any of our people, or others, who desire information in regard to the Sanitarium treatment or prices. Address West Michigan Sanitarium, 475 Wealthy Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Calista Nelson, who has been nursing at the Sanitarium for the past three months, has accepted a call to New York City. Miss Irma Paul of the Battle Creek Sanitarium fills the vacancy.

Miss Myra Van Deman, a county officer of the W. C. T. U. of Benzononia county, has been a patient at the Sanitarium for the past two months. She is much improved, but will remain a few days longer. Miss Ruth Osborne of Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Tompkins of Sand Lake Mich., and J. E. Root of Wright, Mich., are also house patients at the Sanitarium.

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